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**VERY
GOOD**

Appraising the Farm Business and Home Operations

**SATIS-
FACTORY**

**NEEDS
CHANGE**

REMARKS



WHERE DO YOU STAND?

This check list may help you speed up your family's progress toward the goals it hopes to achieve. By checking each item, you may see where you need to do more thinking and planning.

You may wish to do this as a couple, as a family group or each member prefer to check the items and discuss them. This list is for your personal use, so be frank about scoring your family's progress.

1. Land resources and requirements

- ## 2. Labor resources and requirements

- ### 3. Capital (money) resources and requirements

4. Management skills or attitude

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CROP PRODUCTION

1. Is our farm or ranch production profitable?
2. Are our yields profitable?
3. Are we using all of our land efficiently?
4. Are we making the best use of our diverted acres?
5. Do we have a good soil-building program and rotation system that fits our farm needs?
6. Are we growing the best crops for our conditions?
7. Are we using irrigation effectively?
8. Are we using fertilizers to best advantage?
9. Can production costs be lowered by adopting new methods?

DAIRY

1. Is our production what it should be?
 - a. A minimum of 5,000 pounds is suggested for high-testing breeds.
 - b. A minimum of 7,000 pounds is suggested for low-testing breeds.
2. Do we use high-production sires in our herd?
3. Do we keep milk production and herd records?
4. Is our feeding program based on quality roughage?
5. Do we calculate concentrate mixtures according to feed value and feed according to production?
6. Is the herd protected from heat in summer and against the cold in winter?
7. Is our herd large enough to warrant labor-saving equipment and labor most economically and efficiently?
8. Do we keep mastitis or other livestock diseases under control?

Very good	Satisfactory	Needs change	Remarks
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Have You Met



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